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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH FROM AMB. STEVENSON AND MOORE

FOR: MR. TOM PICKERING, STATE DEPT

MR. BRANDON GROVE, STATE DEPT

MR. STUART MCINTYRE, STATE DEPT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: D/LOS

1. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PRESSING NEED TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY YOUR DECISION TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE INTER-AGENCY OFFICE (D/LOS) REPORTING TO YOU AND COORDINATING LOS POLICY WITHIN THE USG. AS YOU KNOW YOUR DECISION HAS BEEN WARMLY ENDORSED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, MOST RECENTLY LAST WEEK IN THE MEETINGS OF JOHN MOORE WITH SECRETARIES SIMON, TABOR AND WHITTAKER.

2. AUGUST 24 IS THE LAST DAY OF THE FINAL PREPARATORY SESSION OF THE UN SEABED COMMITTEE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1973 OPENING OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK. BETWEEN NOW AND THE CONFERENCE D/LOS WILL HAVE A GREAT AMOUNT OF WORK TO COMPLETE, INCLUDING AMONG OTHER THINGS THE ECONOMIC REVIEW REQUESTED BY THE UNDER SECRETARY COMMITTEE; A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LOS POLICY; PREPARATION OF INSTRUCTIONS BOTH FOR ORGANIZATIONAL SECRET

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AND SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE; DETAILED STUDIES OF A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES; BRIEFINGS OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN; PREPARATION OF EXTENSIVE ANALYSES OF OTHER COUNTRY'S

POSITIONS; ORGANIZATION OF BILATERALS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES; MEETINGS WITH LAW OF THE SEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE FULL TASK FORCE, AND BRIEFINGS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC; PREPARATIONS OF LOS ASPECTS OF THE OCTOBER IMCO MARINE POLLUTION CONFERENCE; AND PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

3. DESPITE URGENT EFFORTS BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE DEPT PICKERING, NSC-USC STAFF DIRECTOR GROVE, D/LOS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MCINTYRE, AND OTHERS, D/LOS STILL DOES NOT HAVE EVEN AN OFFICE OR A SECRETARY. IF URGENT ACTION IS NOT TAKEN, D/LOS WILL SIMPLY NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU HAVE SET FOR IT.

4. TO GET D/LOS STARTED, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE IMMEDIATELY FOR D/LOS FOUR FULL TIME OFFICERS, A STAFF ASSISTANT, AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT PERSONNEL (IN ADDITION TO BOTH OF US, MCINTYRE AND OXMAN). OF THE FOUR OFFICER POSITIONS TWO WOULD BE FOR EXPERIENCED OFFICERS NOW WORKING WITH THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS, ONE WOULD BE FOR AN ECONOMIST, AND ONE WOULD PERMIT THE HIRING OF AN OUTSIDE SPECIALIST (MR. ROGER HULL WHOM MOORE DISCUSSED WITH YOU ON MONDAY). ALSO OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES INCLUDING TREASURY, COMMERCE, CEQ, DOD AND OJCS, HAVE INDICATED (IN MOST CASES) AT THE UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL A STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING AN OFFICER IN D/LOS ON A PART TIME BASIS (ONE TO THREE DAYS PER WEEK) TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE. WE FEEL THAT WE COULD RESPOND TO THIS INTEREST WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS IF THE OFFICE SPACE AND SECRETARIAL ALLOTMENTS FOR D/LOS ALSO INCLUDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR THESE PART TIME COORDINATING PERSONNEL.

5. WE ARE PLEASED AT DR. TARR'S DECISION OF AUGUST 10 TO MOVE D/LOS WITHIN 30 DAYS TO THE 7800 CORRIDOR.
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IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME SCHEDULE SET BY DR. TARR BE MET AND THAT IN THE MEANTIME D/LOS GET STARTED IN A SUITABLE SUITE OF OFFICES ELSEWHERE IN THE MAIN DEPARTMENT.

6. WE REQUEST ALSO THAT YOU AUTHORIZE IMMEDIATELY A DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE INDICATING THAT D/LOS WILL HAVE ACTION RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS, CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS, AND ISSUES SUBSTANTIALLY IMPACTING ON THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WILL SERVE AS THE COORDINATING AND PRINCIPAL BACKSTOPPING MECHANISM FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. THE NOTICE SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT D/LOS WILL ACCOMMODATE THE SPECIAL

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR JOHN R. STEVENSON, AND THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LAW OF THE
SEA AND ITS EXECUTIVE GROUP, MR. JOHN NORTON MOORE
AND THAT BOTH AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AND MR. MOORE WILL
REPORT DIRECTLY TO YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE.

7. WE ALSO WILL IMMEDIATELY NEED \$30,000 FOR CON-
SULTANTS AND AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL FUNDS
FOR EXXENTIAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

8. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT
FOR D/LOS EXPRESSED TO BOTH OF US OVER THE LAST FEW
WEEKS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO
EXTABLISH A STRONG MECHANISM FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS
AFFECTING SO MANY OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS.BASSIN

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